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The Honorable Neil Chatterjee  
Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Chairman Chatterjee,

I write to express my appreciation for the work the Commission has done to expedite review of recent liquefied natural gas (LNG) applications and further call to your attention the pending Rio Grande LNG Project. I strongly support the export of LNG from the United States and ask that you give all due consideration to the Rio Grande project, especially in light of the economic benefits it will likely bring.

I have repeatedly mentioned to the Commission the importance of American "energy diplomacy" and I firmly believe that LNG exports are a tremendous benefit for jobs abroad and here at home. Like many projects in the region, this facility could be an anchor for economic development by bringing thousands of jobs to region. In fact, I am told that this project is expected to contribute more than \$35 billion in GDP during construction and more than \$500 million annually during operations.

In addition to the economic benefit, the Rio Grande LNG Project aims to improve the global environment by providing Texas producers in the Permian Basin a long-term home for associated natural gas, thus reducing the need to flare natural gas during oil production. Similarly, American gas could offset the use of less environmentally-friendly fuels for power generation.

Given this, it is my hope that the Commission can continue its work on these matters and specifically give all due consideration to the Rio Grande LNG Project and similar applications. With FERC's approval, this project could bring economic, energy, trade and environmental benefits for generations.

Very Respectfully,

Pete Olson  
Member of Congress

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